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Describe a rule that you don't like

You should say:

What it is;

Why you don't like it;

How others feel about the rule;

And explain whether you've followed the rule.



1. 不喜欢的规则

Well, in my hometown, all **drivers** have to **pay a toll to get on the highway**¹. I **don't** like this rule because it often makes cars **get stuck in traffic**, which wastes a **lot** of time.

I know this rule **well** because my **grandma** lives in another city **about a 2-hour drive away**. So my parents and I visit her by driving almost **every** weekend. There's a **highway** on the route to her place. We have to **pay** the toll every time we pass there. Since we always drive on it during **weekends** and **tons** of people are also going out of town, we often **get stuck at a toll station** at an exit of the highway. There are **huge** lines of cars waiting to pass the toll station **all** the time. The traffic usually **moves at a snail's pace** when we are still **kilos** from the **toll booth**.

I really hope that one day the **authorities**² **cancel** this rule of paying tolls to access the highway. It'll be so **great** if **all** the toll stations on the highway can be **removed**. They are really **a pain in the neck**. In **most** cases, I have to waste **an hour** waiting to **pay the toll**. There's **nothing** else to do but **scroll on my phone** to pass the time, and I even have to **put up with** other cars **cutting** in line and **honking**, which is really **annoying**.

So, I think the highway toll is a **terrible** rule. **It might be a long shot, but**³ I hope it can be **gone** for good to **improve** the traffic.

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¹ pay a toll to get on the highway: 上高速公路要交过路费

² authorities: 当局; 政府部门

³ It might be a long shot, but...: 可能希望很小, 但是...

Describe an interesting song.

You should say:

What the song is;

What story the song tells;

Whether the song is popular;

And explain why you think it is interesting.



2. 有趣的歌曲

I'd like to talk about a **rap** song called '**Daddy Ain't Going to Work Tomorrow**' sang by **Xie Di**, who is an excellent **rapper** and **songwriter** in China.

The **first** time I heard this song was when I was watching an **online** video on **Weibo**. The video happened during the last **national** day holiday. There was a **traffic jam** on a highway. To **pass** the time, one driver **put on music** in his car. It was the song I just said. It's sung in **Sichuan** dialect, which is **hilarious**. While the beat was **playing**, several guys in a car nearby **rapped** together. They **stuck their heads out their window** and started **singing**. Just like the **title** of the song, you could sense that these people are **going to be off work tomorrow** and **are on cloud nine** because of it.

I was **hooked on** the song right away. So I searched the **lyrics** of it on the internet. Every line speaks to the desire of **a working-class man**⁴ who **doesn't** want to work but hopes to take a day **off**. It's definitely a **funny** song to listen to while you're **stressed out**. Actually it's Xie's **signature song**. It's said that **before** Xie Di became famous, he was also **working-class** just like the **majority** of us. But he **never gave up on his passion for rapping**. I think it is his **talent** and **grit** that helped him create this **popular** song. I hope he can write and sing **more hit songs** in the future. I'm looking forward to hearing **more** unique songs like this.

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⁴ a working-class man: 工作族, 工薪族

Describe a skill that you learned from older people.

You should say:

What it is;

Who you learned it from;

How you learned it;

And how you feel about it.



3. 向长者学习技能

Speaking of a **skill** I learned from someone **older** than me, the **first** one that **comes to mind** is how I learned to take photos with a **single-lens reflex camera**. Last year, I became **obsessed** with **DSLR** cameras because they shoot **way** better pictures than mobile phones do. So I wanted to learn some **photography** skills **really bad**⁵.

You know, being a photographer **isn't a walk in the park**. Luckily, my **uncle**, who is my mom's **brother**, is a **great** photographer. He's in his **fifties** and has been a professional photographer for over **30** years. So I tried to learn as **much** as possible from him. My uncle was very **patient** with me. He taught me a lot of **basic theories** of photography, like **composition, lighting and timing**. He also gave me a ton of **hands-on experience**. For example, on weekends he often took me somewhere **beautiful** to take pictures. He taught me **step by step** how to **adjust the camera's mode and exposure level** to suit **different** environments and **brightness levels**.

Honestly, **it's easier said than done**. I really **tried** to operate the camera the way my uncle taught me. Now I shoot **way** better pictures than before, and I learned a **lot** about composition. But **to be frank**, there are still a lot of **techniques** I need to practice. The **night** photos I take often look **blurry**.

So, I've only **scratched the surface of** photography. I will keep learning **more** from my uncle. I really look forward to making a **great work portfolio** to share with him.

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⁵ wanted...really bad: 非常想要....

Describe an ambition you haven't yet achieved

You should say:

- What your ambition is;
- How long you have had this ambition;
- How you plan to achieve it (or what you have done);
- And explain why you haven't achieved it yet.



4.未实现的志向

I've always had a dream of being a **photographer**. My **uncle**, who's my mom's **brother**, has been a **professional** photographer for 30 years. So I know the ins and outs of⁶ the job **pretty** well. You get to take photos at places with **beautiful** views and you can get **decent** pay for it. So it's **definitely** my dream job.

However, being a photographer **is not a walk in the park**. You have to know a **ton** of **basic theories** of photography, like **composition, lighting and timing**. Luckily, our school offers an **elective course** of photography, and I took it **last semester**. The instructor gave us a ton of **hands-on experience**. For example, he taught us **step by step** how to **adjust the camera's mode and exposure level** to suit **different** environments and **brightness levels**.

Honestly, **it's easier said than done**. I really listened to each class **carefully** and **tried** to operate the camera like the instructor taught us. I do shoot **way** better pictures than before, and I learned a **lot** about composition. But **to be frank**, there are still a lot of **techniques** I need to practice. The **night** photos I take often look **blurry**.

So, I've only **scratched the surface of** photography. I need **more** shooting experience to **get the hang of it**. Actually my plan is to make a **great work portfolio** first, then I think it'll **be a breeze** for **me to** make a **living** from photography. I hope I can make my dream come **true** soon.

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⁶ I know the ins and outs of: 我知道这个...的里里外外 (详细情况)

Describe a person who you follow on social media.

You should say:

Who he/she is;

How you knew him/her;

What he/she posts on social media;

And explain why you follow him/her on social media



5. 社交媒体上常刷的人

I'd like to talk about a **TikTok influencer**⁷. He's also a professional **photographer**. I started **being a fan of him** last **summer** when I had just **taken a liking to** **DSLR** photography. You know, DSLR cameras shoot **way** better pictures than mobile phones do. Of course, if you're **good** at it, it can even allow you to **moonlight** as a **photographer**.

So, to learn **more** about photography, I followed **several** popular bloggers and influencers. He's **one** of them. I often watch his **videos** on TikTok because not only does he show **beautiful** examples of his photography, but he also **teaches** the audience a ton of **basic theories**, like **composition**, **lighting and timing**. I was especially impressed by a **video** in which he taught us **step by step** how to **adjust the camera's mode and exposure level** to suit **different** environments and **brightness levels**.

I'm so **grateful** to this TikTok influencer for **sharing** so many tips in his videos with us. I do shoot **better** pictures than before, and I learned a **lot** about composition. But **to be frank**, there are still a lot of **techniques** I need to practice. The **night** photos I take often look **blurry**.

So, I've only **scratched the surface of** photography. I need **more** shooting experience to **get the hang of it**. And I will **continue following his account**⁸ and learn from him. It's **rare** to find such a **good** way to learn so much **real stuff**⁹ about photography.

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⁷ influencer: 网红

⁸ following his account: 关注他的账号

⁹ real stuff: 干货

Describe the thing that you cannot live without (except phone and internet)

You should say:

What it is;

Why you can't manage without it;

How long you have had it for;

And explain how you felt when you were without it.



6. 生活中不可或缺的东西

I'm a **big fan of**¹⁰ **photography**, so I'd like to talk about a **single-lens reflex camera** I bought. Just like others who take photos for a **hobby** or a **living**, I **couldn't** live without it.

I bought this camera **last year**. At the time, I **was obsessed with** learning how to take **photos** with a single-lens reflex camera. I'd been hoping to learn this skill for a **long** time because it sounds really **intriguing**. Luckily, our school offers **an elective course** of photography, and I took it **last** semester. Everyone was required to bring their **own camera** to class, so I bought my **first** DSLR camera for it.

It was a **beginner-level**¹¹ Sony DSLR that cost me **6000** yuan. It has a **silver-black exterior** and looks like an **old** style DV. To be honest, I **liked** the look of it, so I bought it **right away**.

It's a very good DSLR for **beginners** because it's **easy** to operate and has always been **user-friendly**¹² for me. I use it **from time to time**. The camera shoots **way better** pictures than my mobile phone does. Now it has become **a must-have device** on my family trips. Besides, I love using it to capture the **happy** and **sad** memories in life. I also took photos of the **sunrise** and **sunset** with it, as well as some beautiful moments with my **friends**. So, even though it **cost me an arm and a leg**¹³, I think I **make the most of it**¹⁴ and it has definitely become **an essential** piece of equipment in my life.

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¹⁰ I'm a big fan of: 我是...的迷; 此句指: 我是一个摄影迷

¹¹ beginner-level: 入门级; 初学者级

¹² user-friendly: 人性化的; 对用户友好的

¹³ cost me an arm and a leg: 花了我一大笔钱

¹⁴ make the most of it: 物尽其用; 最大化利用它

Describe something in your home that you broke and then repaired.

You should say:

What it is;

How you broke it;

How you repaired it;

And how you felt about it.



7. 坏掉又修好的东西

When it comes to something I repaired, I'd like to talk about a single-lens reflex camera I bought last year.

At the time, I was obsessed with learning how to take photos with a single-lens reflex camera. Luckily, our school offers an elective course of photography, and I took it last semester. Everyone was required to bring their own camera to class, so I bought my first DSLR camera for it. It was a beginner-level Sony DSLR that cost me 6000 yuan. It has a silver-black exterior and looks like an old style DV. I really like it because it's easy to operate and has always been user-friendly for me.

Unfortunately, half a year later, I accidentally dropped the camera on the ground while taking photos. The display screen was cracked¹⁵. I went to a repair shop, and the tech there said the screen replacement would cost 600 yuan. I didn't think it would be so expensive, so I decided to do it myself. Luckily, I bought a screen replacement kit¹⁶ for my model online, and after receiving it, I carefully replaced the screen myself by following the instructions.

Eventually, I managed to fix it. You know, the camera is a must-have device¹⁷ on my family trips. So I was over the moon¹⁸ that I could fix it up¹⁹. Plus, I only spent 60 yuan on the repair, which gave me a sense of accomplishment as well. After all, a penny saved is a penny earned²⁰.

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¹⁵ The display screen was cracked: 显示屏裂了

¹⁶ a screen replacement kit: 一个换屏套件

¹⁷ a must-have device: 必备的设备

¹⁸ over the moon: 非常高兴; 欣喜若狂

¹⁹ fix it up: 修好它

²⁰ a penny saved is a penny earned: 省一分等于挣一分; 省钱就是赚钱

Describe a person whose work/job is useful to society.

You should say:

Who this person is;

How you knew him/her;

What type of work he/she does;

And explain why you think his/her work is useful to the society.



8. 对社会有贡献的人

I think my **cousin's** work is very **meaningful** and **valuable** to society. He's running a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. This is the **first** and **best** pet store in my hometown.

My cousin is very **young**, only in his early **thirties**. Many people who **don't** really know him think he's kind of a **hippie** because he has **a weird sense of style**. He often goes out wearing a **long** coat in **bright red** and **a leopard print blouse**. He is definitely the **highlight** of a crowd. Everyone is **blown away** by his style. I've **never** seen a boss dressed like this. But he's actually a very **kind** and **gentle** person who loves **cats**. So he **came up with** the idea of opening a **pet** shop.

At the beginning, it was just a **small** shop that sold **cat food**. But he kept exploring **new** areas and **expanding** his business. Now his shop **dabbles in lots of things**. They sell **a wide range of** cat products and provide services like **pet grooming** and even a **cat café** where you can play with kittens.

I find my brother's work **valuable** because he's made lots of **contributions** to helping **cats** and their **owners**. You know, a lot of cat owners see their cats as **family members** who **keep them company**²¹ and **soothe their mind**²² every day. So helping the owners take **care** of the cats means a **lot** to my brother, which, **from my perspective**, is equivalent to a great **contribution** to society.

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²¹ keep them company: 陪伴他们

²² soothe their mind: 抚慰他们的心灵

Describe a person you only met once and want to know more about

You should say:

Who he/she is

When you met him/her

Why you want to know more about him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her



9. 一见且想再见的人

I'd like to talk about my **friend's cousin**. Last month, when I was hanging out with my **friend**, we **met up with**²³ his cousin who's running a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats.

My friend told me that many people who **don't** really know his cousin think he's kind of a **hippie** because he has **a weird sense of style**. It's **true**, because the **first** time I met him, he was wearing a **long** coat in **bright red** and **a leopard print blouse**. He is definitely the **highlight** of a crowd. I've **never** seen a boss dressed like this. So it gave me the **impression** that he is a very **unique** person.

Although he **had a lot on his plate**²⁴ that day and we only got to **exchange greetings**²⁵, I could sense that he is **humble** and **driven** at work. Later my friend told me that his cousin hates those **9-5 office jobs**. So he started his **own** business after college. At the beginning, it was just a **small** shop that sold **cat food**. But he kept exploring **new** areas and **expanding** his business. Now his shop is one of the **best** pet stores in my hometown.

I think **he's done quite well for himself**. I really admire a young man for having such **great** achievements. So I'd love to **have a proper conversation with him**²⁶. I'm very **interested** in his experience of **starting up a business**, which I believe will **give me some insights**²⁷. And it'd be **great** if we could become friends.

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²³ met up with: 和...见面; 和...偶遇

²⁴ had a lot on his plate: 非常忙; 事情很多

²⁵ exchange greetings: 互相打招呼

²⁶ have a proper conversation with him: 和他好好的聊一次

²⁷ give me some insights: 给我一些真知灼见

Describe someone you really like to spend time with

You should say:

- Who this person is;
- How you knew him/her;
- What you usually do together;
- And explain why you like to spend time with him/her.



10. 想共度时光的人

Speaking of someone who I'd like to spend **time** with, **the first person that comes to mind** is my **cousin**. He is an **interesting** and **knowledgeable** man.

My cousin runs a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. He is **very** young, only in his early **thirties**. Many people who **don't** really know him think he's kind of a **hippie** because he has a **weird sense of style**. He often goes out wearing a **long** coat in **bright red** and a **leopard print blouse**. He is definitely the **highlight** of a crowd. So it's **fun** to hang out with him outside because **he turns people's heads**²⁸ **all** the time.

Besides, he's a **cat-pedia**. You can ask him **whatever** questions you have about cats. I have **an orange cat**. There was a time that it **wouldn't** eat and often **drooled** at the mouth for several days. So I took the cat to **him**. He **figured out the cause**²⁹ just in **a few** minutes. He gave me a few **Vitamin D** pills for cats, and also some **tips** about **how** to take care of a cat properly. He's so **professional**. I think **every** cat owner **should** be friends with him.

Anyway, he also **has a knack for** running a business. He always **comes up with a lot of original ideas** for his shop. The **last** time I met him, he said he was working on a pet **training** program, which is really an **inspired** idea. Honestly, **every** time I talk to him, I learn a **lot**. So that's the **main** reason that I **love** spending time with him.

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²⁸ he turns people's heads: 他吸引大家的注意力; 马路上回头率很高

²⁹ figured out the cause: 找出了原因

Describe something that you received for free.

You should say:

What it was;

Who you received it from;

Where you received it;

And explain how you felt about it.



11. 免费物品

I'd like to talk about a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. I **didn't spend a dime**³⁰ the first time I visited there.

I have **an orange cat**. There was a time when the cat **wouldn't** eat for several days. I was so **worried** about it and one of my friends **referred** me to this pet shop. She told me the staff members there are all **cat-pedias**. So I took the **cat** to this store. The staff there **checked** the cat first and gave me a few **Vitamin D** pills for cats. They even gave me some **tips** about **how** to take care of a cat properly. They didn't charge me **anything** for the pills. The guy there said they **wouldn't** charge for **doing such a small favor for me**³¹. I was amazed at how **kind** and **generous** they are.

The **whole** affair really **left a mark on me**. Now **I'm a regular there**³². They sell **a wide range of** cat products and offer a **lot of after-sale services**, which is very **thoughtful** for customers. If you **become a member**, you can enjoy **tons of exclusive services** for free, like **pet grooming** and drinking **coffee** while playing with lots of **cute** kittens.

It's said the owner of the shop is **very** young, only in his early **thirties**. I really **admire** a young man for having such **great** achievements. But I think his success is **inseparable from** the terrific **service** he provides. So I **foresee** a **bigger** success of this shop in the future.

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³⁰ didn't spend a dime: 一分钱也没花

³¹ doing such a small favor for me: 帮我一个小忙

³² I'm a regular there: 我现在是那里的常客

Describe a special cake you received from others.

You should say:

- When it happened;
- Where it happened;
- Who you got the cake from;
- And explain why it's a special cake.



12. 特别的蛋糕

Speaking of a **special** cake, the **first** one that **comes to mind** is a cake I got from a **pet** shop that's **devoted to** cats. They once gave me a **birthday** cake that is designed in the shape of a **cat**.

The shop was opened **last year**. They sell a **wide range of** cat products and offer a **lot of** **after-sale services**, which is very **thoughtful** for customers. If you **become a member**, you can enjoy **tons** of **exclusive services** for free, like **pet grooming, cleaning** and even receiving a **free cake** as a gift on your **birthday**.

I remember the day **before** my last birthday, the shop sent me a **text message** to wish me a **happy birthday** and let me know that they prepared a **gift cake** for me. So **I went there all excited**³³ and received a **Hello Kitty** cheesecake that could serve **four** to **six** people. It had a **cute** drawing of a cat face on it. Most **importantly**, **there was writing on the cake that said**³⁴ "To my **owner** who takes care of me", which was clearly written from **my cat's** point of view.

I think this cake is **super** creative and it **totally** understands the **feelings** of cat owners. So I **was deeply impressed by** the cake and liked the shop even **more**. It's said the owner of the shop is **very** young, only in his early **thirties**. I really **admire** a young man for having such **great** achievements. But I think his success is **inseparable from** his creativity. I **foresee** a **bigger** success of this shop in the future.

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³³ I went there all excited: 我很激动的去了那里

³⁴ there was writing on the cake that said: 蛋糕上有字说:...

Describe an interesting discussion you had with your friend (as part of your work or studies).

You should say:

- What the discussion was about;
- What opinions you and your friend had;
- What was the result of the discussion;
- And why you think the discussion was interesting.



13. 有趣的讨论

I had an **interesting** discussion with several **classmates** when I was in **college**. It was during an **Economics** course. The professor gave us a **group assignment**³⁵ to create a **plan** for a **start-up business**³⁶. So we had to discuss how to **handle** the assignment.

I remember our discussion was very **fruitful**³⁷. We **all** had some ideas and mine was designing a plan to open a **pet shop**. You know, a lot of **cat owners** see their cats as **family members** who **keep them company** and **soothe their mind** every day. So I think there should be a **niche** market for **helping** people take care of their pets. Maybe what I said was more **convincing**. **Everyone was on board with my idea**³⁸, so we continued to discuss a **possible** business in the form of a **pet** store.

We **came up with a lot of original ideas** for the store, such as providing services like **pet grooming** or building a **cat café** where you can play with kittens. Someone even suggested offering a **pet training** program. All of them were really **inspired** ideas. We ended up selecting **two** of them and created the **final** business plan together.

Our group **got a high mark for the assignment**³⁹. So this discussion gave us a **great** sense of achievement. I **like** this kind of discussion because we can learn a **lot** from each other and it's also a **great bonding time for us**⁴⁰. Group discussion is definitely a **fun** way to learn.

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³⁵ group assignment: 小组作业

³⁶ a start-up business: 一个初创企业

³⁷ fruitful: 有成果的; 硕果累累

³⁸ Everyone was on board with my idea: 大家都同意我的想法

³⁹ got a high mark for the assignment: 这次作业得了高分

⁴⁰ a great bonding time for us: 一个对我们来说增进关系的机会

Describe something that helped you learn a language.

You should say:

What it is;

What language you learned;

How it helped you learn the language;

And how you felt about it.



14. 帮助学习语言的工具

Well, several **months** ago, I formed a **Spoken English practice group** with some friends. **Whenever** we meet up, we have **discussion activities** in **English**. I think it's a very **good** way to improve our English.

We often meet at a **coffee shop** which is about **a 15-minute walk from** our college. Usually, we **choose** a topic that we're **all** interested in and **discuss** it. For example, the **last** time we talked about opening a **pet shop**. You know, a lot of **cat owners** see their cats as **family members** who **keep them company** and **soothe their mind** every day. So this is a really **engaging** topic for us.

The discussion that day was very **fruitful**. We **came up with a lot of original ideas** for the pet store. Most **importantly**, **everyone** expressed their opinions in **English**. And I learned many **new** words related to cats and business. For example, one of us talked about providing services like **pet grooming**. And another person suggested offering a pet **training** program. I didn't know these **phrases**⁴¹ until they shared them.

In fact, we had **tons** of **group talks**⁴² like that. During **every** discussion, **I was immersed**⁴³ and kept **thinking** in English. So whenever our meetings **end**, I always feel my **spoken English** gets better. I really **like** this kind of discussion. We can learn a **lot** from each other and it's also **a great bonding time for us**. Group discussion is definitely a **fun** way to learn a **language**.

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⁴¹ phrases: 短语

⁴² group talks: 小组讨论

⁴³ immersed: 沉浸在...

Describe a gift you would like to buy for your friend.

You should say:

What gift you would like to buy;

Who you would like to give it to;

Why you would like to buy a gift for him/her;

And explain why you choose that gift.



15. 想要送朋友的礼物

I'd like to give a **gift** to a friend of mine to show my **gratitude**. A few **months** ago, I was looking for a **part-time job** but **wasn't having any luck**⁴⁴, so I **went to my friend for some advice**.

At the time, one of his friends had just opened a **pet shop** that's **devoted to cats**. So he **referred** me to him. I **doubted myself** at the beginning. But my friend **tried** his best to help me **see past my worries**. **It turned out that** he's **right**. Now I've been working here for **two months**, and I really **love** this job. So I think I should **send a thank you gift** to him.

I know he's very **obsessed** with **tabletop role-playing games**⁴⁵, especially the ones that involve **detective** stories. So I was looking for something **engaging** for him. Recently, a **co-worker** of mine **highly recommended** a book to me. It's a Japanese **detective** novel called *Cat Knows All*. He said it's a **must-read** for anyone who **loves** detective novels. I checked the **brief introduction** of this book. The story starts with an **old gentleman** and his **cat**. One day when he's looking for his **lost** cat, he finds out that some people around him **have either vanished or died**. So he **unravels the mystery** while searching for the cat.

It seems like a **perfect** gift for those who love exploring **secrets**. So I've decided to give him this **book** as a gift. I believe my friend will **like** it. After all, **you can't go wrong by**⁴⁶ giving people what they **want**.

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⁴⁴ wasn't having any luck: 运气不好

⁴⁵ tabletop role-playing games: 桌面角色扮演游戏

⁴⁶ you can't go wrong by: 你不会错的

Describe a story someone told you and you remember.

You should say:

What the story was about;

Who told you this story;

Why you remember it;

And explain how you feel about it.



16. 别人讲述的故事

I'd like to talk about a story I heard from my **friend** when I was in **middle** school. It was a **Saturday night** and I was hanging out with my friends. One of them decided to tell us a **terrifying** and **mysterious** story to **test our nerves**⁴⁷.

I **don't** remember many details of the story, but I can recall that it starts with an **old gentleman** who lives on an **island** with his cat. His **wife** passed away early in their marriage, so he **keeps a cat as company**. They eat and sleep **together**. But one day the cat **disappears**. The old man goes door to door to **find** the cat. But there are more **strange** things coming out. Some people **have either vanished or died**. So he **unravels the mystery** while searching for the cat. Finally, the cat is **found**. And it **leads** the old man and the detective to figure out the **real** murderer.

The story was so **engaging**⁴⁸ that I was **on the edge of my seat** trying to figure out **what** was going to happen. Sometimes, it even **gave me goosebumps**. It was a really **exciting** story. That's why I still **remember** it. I was even **afraid** of walking back home alone that night. 🤩

Anyway, although it's a little **scary**, I love the **attitude** towards life that the story **expressed**. **Life doesn't** always go your way, so it's better to **be content** with what you have. **Excessive** greed will lead to bad karma. That's what I **learned** from it. **On the whole**⁴⁹, I like this **horrifying**⁵⁰ but also **inspirational** story.

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⁴⁷ test our nerves: 测试我们的胆量

⁴⁸ engaging: 吸引人的

⁴⁹ On the whole: 总的来说

⁵⁰ horrifying: 令人恐惧的

Describe a house or an apartment you would like to live in

You should say:

What it is like;

Where it would be;

Why you would like to live in this house/apartment;

And how you feel about this house/apartment



17. 想要的公寓或房子

I hope to have a house built above **water**. **If memory serves correctly**, about **two** years ago, I stayed a night at a **Bed & Breakfast**⁵¹ in **Kunming**. It was a **new** B&B that had just opened to the public. It's been my **favorite** place since my first visit. I really hope to own a **house** like **that** in the future.

The **interior design**⁵² of the house is very **intriguing**⁵³. But what I like **most** about it is that it's **set up in a very unusual location**. It's at a **huge** park that includes **a giant artificial lake**, as well as a pretty long **pavilion** above the lake. The house is built on a platform that **extends** from the pavilion. So it's built on the **water** and has a **huge deck**. You can **sip** a cup of coffee while enjoying **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. It's especially **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view at a **normal** hotel somewhere else.

So, after I lived there **once**, I've been **dreaming** of owning such a **fantastic** house. I know that living in a house above **water** seems like a **ridiculous**⁵⁴ dream as you **rarely** see buildings like that. But since they can build a **B&B** above water, I believe the **architects** can design **a residential house**⁵⁵ like that as well. I look forward to seeing a house in the **real estate market**⁵⁶ and I hope I can **afford** to buy it at the time.

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⁵¹ Bed & Breakfast: 民宿

⁵² interior design: 室内设计

⁵³ intriguing: 有趣的; 迷人的

⁵⁴ ridiculous: 可笑的; 荒谬的

⁵⁵ a residential house: 一个民宅

⁵⁶ real estate market: 房产市场

Describe a time you visited a new place.

You should say:

Where it is;

When you went there;

Why you went there;

And explain how you feel about the place.



18. 一个去过的地方

During the **New Year's** holiday, I visited **Kunming** for the first time with my family. It's the capital of **Yunnan** Province. I really like the **climate** there. I think a **sunny** day with a **mild temperature** around **twenty** Celsius is always the best. As far as I know, Kunming has good weather like this **all year round**.

What's more, there're **lots** of fun places in Kunming. For example, we went to the famous **Green Lake** there. We saw **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swam around **at a leisurely pace** for a while then **flew away** together. It was **brehtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**. Plus, we saw a **rowing race** there. That was the **first** time we saw this kind of match. Once it began, **dozens** of boats moved on the water **with drum beats and loud encouragement**. And **every** boat was moving fast like a **fish** in water. It was so **exciting**.

Besides that, we ate one of the **specialty** snacks in Kunming called **vegan duck**. It tastes like **duck** meat, but it's actually made of **mushrooms** and **bamboo shoots**. I **was completely taken in by its look** the first time I tried it.

So, there're many **unique** things you can explore in Kunming. It's **the southernmost city I have ever been to⁵⁷** and I **really** like it. It's very **attractive** and **worth a visit**, whether you're going for the **food** or the **scenery** there.

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⁵⁷ the southernmost city I have ever been to: 我去过的最南端的城市

Describe a city that you think is interesting

You should say:

Where it is;

What the city is famous for;

How you knew this city;

And explain why you think it is very interesting.



19. 有趣的城市

I'd like to talk about the city, **Kunming**, where I visited with my **family** during the **New Year's** holiday. It's the capital of **Yunnan** Province. I really like the **climate** there. I think a **sunny** day with a **mild temperature** around **twenty** Celsius is always the best. As far as I know, Kunming has good weather like this **all year round**. So that's one of the reasons the city **appeals to me**⁵⁸.

What's more, there're **lots** of fun places in Kunming. For example, we went to the famous **Green Lake** there. Even though it was **January**, we saw **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swam around **at a leisurely pace** for a while then **flew away** together. It was **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**. Plus, we saw a **rowing race** there. That was the **first** time we saw this kind of match. Once it began, **dozens** of boats moved on the water **with drum beats and loud encouragement**. And **every** boat was moving fast like a **fish** in water. It was so **exciting**.

Besides that, there're lots of **specialty** snacks in Kunming, like **vegan duck**. It tastes like **duck** meat, but it's actually made of **mushrooms** and **bamboo shoots**. I **was completely taken in by its look** the first time I tried it.

So, there're many **interesting** and **unique** things you can explore in Kunming. It's very **attractive** and **worth a visit**, whether you're going for the **food** or the **scenery** there.

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⁵⁸ appeals to me: 吸引我

Describe a happy event you organized.

You should say:

What the event was;

Where you had it;

Who helped you to organized it;

And explain how you feel about it.



20. 准备过的开心活动

During the **New Year's** holiday, I **took my parents on a road trip**. I planned the **whole** thing, so it was one of the most **fun** things I've prepared lately.

There are **tons** of things to consider when planning a **trip**. First you need to choose your **destination**. I **did a lot of research**⁵⁹ and finally chose **Kunming**, the capital of **Yunnan** Province. I really like the **climate** there. I think a **sunny** day with **a mild temperature** around **twenty** Celsius is always the best. As far as I know, Kunming has good weather like this **all year round**. So I decided to take my parents to **check it out**.

After that, I also asked a **friend** who is from Kunming to **recommend** several **must-see places** to me. One activity she suggested is watching **seagulls** at the famous **Green Lake** there. It was **amazing**. Even though it was **January**, we saw **tons** of **mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swam around **at a leisurely pace** for a while then **flew away** together. It was **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the **north**.

Anyway, **besides** that, I also **made a detailed plan**⁶⁰ for the accommodation, food and **itinerary**⁶¹ for the **3-day** holiday. It took me about **2 weeks** to make the whole plan. But **it was totally worth it**. My parents were very **satisfied** with my arrangement. **Thanks** to the plan, we had a **relaxing** and **enjoyable** family trip.

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⁵⁹ did a lot of research: 做了很多研究

⁶⁰ made a detailed plan: 做了一个很周密的计划

⁶¹ itinerary: 行程

Describe a place in a countryside that you visited

You should say:

Where it is;

When you visited this place;

What you did there;

And how you feel about this place.



21. 乡村一隅

I went to a **village** with my parents during the **New Year's** holiday. It's a **popular tourist attraction** near my hometown. By the way, I found **there is a trend in recent years that**⁶² people prefer to travel to the **countryside** rather than big **cities**, which leads many small villages with **beautiful scenery** to become **new tourist destinations**.

Anyway, the village I went to has a **lake** as big as four or five **football fields**, which is **a total gem to find in nature**⁶³. **Lots** of people, including me, go to the village to **chill out** and have **fun** at the lake. Even though it was in **January**, I saw **tons of mallards** and **seagulls** passing by on the water. Sometimes they just swam around **at a leisurely pace** for a while then **flew away** together. It was **breathtaking** seeing **so many** birds taking off from the water. You know, it's **impossible** to see such a fantastic view in the city where I live.

Plus, I got to see a **rowing race** there. That was the **first** time I saw this kind of match. Once it began, **dozens** of boats moved on the water **with drum beats and loud encouragement**. And **every** boat was moving fast like a **fish** in water. It was so **exciting**.

So this is one of the most **unique** places I've ever visited. I've **never** had such a **relaxing** experience in **cities**. When I was there, I could **forget** the **hustle and bustle** of study/work, which made my mind **feel at ease**.

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⁶² there is a trend in recent years that: 近年来有一种趋势

⁶³ a total gem to find in nature: 自然界中值得发现的一块瑰宝; 一块宝地

Describe a special toy you had in your childhood.

You should say:

What it was;

Who gave it to you;

How often (How) you played with it;

And explain why it was special for you



22. 小时候喜欢的玩具

The toy I'd like to talk about is **a Rubik's cube**. When I was in grade **4** or grade **5** in **primary** school, I went to a **night market** with my parents and we saw an **old gentleman** selling Rubik's Cubes. Since I'd **never** played with a Rubik's Cube before, I bought a **regular** one to solve it for **fun**.

I remember that the old man even **showed** me how to solve it. His hands were **quick** and he solved the cube in **two** or **three** minutes. He **really blew my mind**. So I started to think about how to **solve** the Rubik's cube from the **moment** I got it. Honestly, it was **too** hard for a **ten-year** old child. But I **was obsessed with** it and kept **trying** to solve it by myself. I found it really puts your **memory** and **spatial imagination** to the test. You have to **remember** where each color goes. Plus, you have to **constantly imagine different spatial patterns** in your head to help you figure out what to do **next**...

I **can't** recall how long it took me to solve it for the **first** time, probably **two months**. But I was **over the moon** when I succeeded. I had a **great** sense of achievement. Since then, I often **shuffle the cube and reset it**. Even now, I **still** play with it **from time to time**. My best record is **5 minutes**. I'm **way** slower than **professional** Rubik's cube players, but it's **good** enough for an **amateur** like me. I think **it's the toy I've played the longest with**⁶⁴.

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⁶⁴ it's the toy I've played the longest with: 这是我玩过的时间最长的玩具

Describe a lesson you remember

You should say:

What the lesson was about;

Where you had it;

Why you remember it;

And explain how you feel about the lesson.



23.印象深刻的一节课

I'd like to talk about a class I had in **primary** school. When I was in grade **five**, I **transferred** to a new primary school because my family **relocated** to another city. So the **first** class as a transfer student⁶⁵ really **left a mark on me**.

I **remember it like it was yesterday**. It was an **art** class taught by our class teacher, Ms. **Zhang**. She welcomed me to the **whole** class warmly. **It also happened to be close to** the **Dragon Boat Festival**, which is an **important** public holiday in our country. Traditionally, it's for **expelling evil spirits** as well as **a memorial day** for a great poet, **Qu Yuan**, from our history. So Ms. Zhang **organized a sachet-making event**. She brought **needles, threads** and various shapes of **cloth** to the class. Since it was my **first** time doing needle work, it looked pretty **ugly**. But **what I didn't expect is that** Ms. Zhang **showed** my craft to the class and **complimented** me for making a good artwork.

Actually, the sachet I made **wasn't** good. I know that Ms. Zhang was just **helping** me **build a good relationship with** my classmates. So I **appreciated** her a lot. She gave me a **lot** of encouragement to **cheer me up**. Thanks to **her**, I started to **fit in with the class from then on**, which is also why I **remember** this class so well. Honestly, I was so **fortunate** to have such a **good** teacher when I was a kid.

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⁶⁵ a transfer student: 一个转学生

Describe a piece of clothing you have that was given by someone.

You should say:

What it was;

Who gave it to you;

When you got that;

And whether you liked it or not.



24. 别人送你的衣服

I'm going to talk about a **sweater** that I got from my friend. **If memory serves correctly**, I got this sweater **a couple years ago**. My friend wanted to do something **creative** for my **birthday**. So she decided to buy a sweater and **embroider**⁶⁶ my favourite animal, a tiger, onto it. It's special to me because I was born in the **Year of the Tiger in the Chinese Zodiac**⁶⁷.

I remember that my friend kept the gift a **secret** for the weeks **leading up to my birthday**⁶⁸. I knew she **was really talented at embroidery**⁶⁹, so I always asked to see **what** project she was working on. But since it was a **gift** for me, she **didn't want to give the surprise away**⁷⁰. She just told me that she had been too **busy** to do any embroidery. But at my birthday **party**, she gave me the sweater and I was **totally blown away**. The sweater is **black**, so the orange and white thread **really stands out**⁷¹. She also used the **black** fabric to show the **eyes** and some of the **stripes**. I was amazed by how **creative** it was.

Even though **it's just stitched on**⁷², the embroidered tiger looks so **lifelike**⁷³. I honestly **couldn't** believe my eyes when I first saw it. I was really **touched** by her thoughtful gift. It's honestly one of my **most prized possessions**⁷⁴. I really **love** this sweater. **I hope that I never outgrow it**⁷⁵.

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⁶⁶ embroider: 刺绣

⁶⁷ in the Chinese Zodiac: 在中国的十二生肖里

⁶⁸ leading up to my birthday: 在我生日前...

⁶⁹ was really talented at embroidery: 很擅长刺绣

⁷⁰ didn't want to give the surprise away: 不想把惊喜泄露出去

⁷¹ stands out: 突出; 此处指颜色显眼

⁷² it's just stitched on: 只是缝上去的 (绣上去的)

⁷³ lifelike: 像真的一样

⁷⁴ prized possessions: 珍贵的财富

⁷⁵ I hope that I never outgrow it: 我希望永远都能穿的上它; 这里 outgrow 就是指“长得比...大”

Describe a long walk you had.

You should say:

When this happened;

Where you walked;

Who you were with;

And explain how you felt about this long walk.



25. 远距离步行

If memory serves correctly, the only time I had a **long** walk was about **two** years ago when a **gigantic** park had just opened to the public. My **mom** likes walking. So, in order to **check out the new place**, I **worked out** with her at the new park.

We had a walk on a **Saturday morning**. It was an **amazing** feeling at the very **beginning**. I saw **so many** people hanging out in the park. Some were practicing **calligraphy** and others were doing some **tai-chi**. **Everyone** was focused on their **own** thing. I **really** liked this kind of atmosphere because it **easily calmed me down**. You just **forget** the **hustle and bustle** of study/work, and **enjoy** the peace and quiet of the **morning** surrounded by nature. It made my mind **feel at ease**.

But after **an hour**, I began to get **annoyed** because the park is so **big** that we kept **walking** around **an artificial lake** but couldn't find the **exit**. We had to take a **break** and we ended up taking over **two** hours to walk out of the park.

I **didn't** plan to walk for **that** long. **My legs were killing me**⁷⁶ the next day. My mom **made fun of me**⁷⁷ for being so **weak** physically but she was **right**. I often work at **night** and sleep **too** late, so it's **hard** for me to do exercises in the **morning**. But now I'm trying my **best** to **change up my routine**. After all, **health is the most precious asset**.

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⁷⁶ My legs were killing me: 我的腿疼死了

⁷⁷ made fun of me: 取笑我